

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
WESTERN DIVISION AT DAYTON**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Case No. 3:18-CR-156

Plaintiff,

v.

District Judge Walter H. Rice  
Magistrate Judge Michael J. Newman

STEPHANIE AYALA,

Defendant.

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**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION<sup>1</sup>**

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This case came before the Court for plea proceedings on November 15, 2018 following referral to the undersigned pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 59. Assistant United States Attorney Andrew Hunt appeared on behalf of the Government. William O. Cass appeared and represented Defendant, whom also appeared. Defendant, through counsel, orally consented to proceed before the United States Magistrate Judge for the plea hearing.

The undersigned examined Defendant under oath as to her understanding of the plea agreement, which Defendant acknowledged in open court. The undersigned also examined Defendant under oath concerning the effect of entering a plea pursuant to that agreement. Having conducted that colloquy, the Magistrate Judge concludes that Defendant fully understands the rights waived by entering a guilty plea, and is fully competent to enter a guilty plea.

Based on the foregoing, the Magistrate Judge concludes that Defendant's guilty plea to Count 1 of the Information (Doc. 15) is a knowing, intelligent and voluntary plea. The Court also

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<sup>1</sup> Attached hereto is a NOTICE to the parties regarding objections to this Report and Recommendation.

concludes that the Statement of Facts made a part of the Plea Agreement, the truth of which Defendant acknowledged in open court, provides a sufficient factual basis for a finding of guilt.

It is therefore respectfully **RECOMMENDED** that: (1) the Court accept Defendant's guilty plea to Count 1; and (2) Defendant be found guilty as charged in Count 1 of the Information. Anticipating the District Judge's adoption of this Report and Recommendation, the Magistrate Judge referred Defendant for a pre-sentence investigation, and remanded her to the custody of the U.S. Marshal.

November 16, 2018

**s/Michael J. Newman**  
United States Magistrate Judge

### **NOTICE REGARDING OBJECTIONS**

Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b), any party may serve and file specific, written objections to the proposed findings and recommendations within **FOURTEEN** days after being served with this Report and Recommendation. Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 6(d), this period is extended to **SEVENTEEN** days because this Report and Recommendation is being served by one of the methods of service listed in Fed. R. Civ. P. 5(b) (2) (C), (D), (E), or (F), and may be extended further by the Court on timely motion for an extension. Such objections shall specify the portions of the Report and Recommendation objected to, and shall be accompanied by a memorandum of law in support of the objections. If the Report and Recommendation is based in whole or in part upon matters occurring of record at an oral hearing, the objecting party shall promptly arrange for the transcription of the record, or such portions of it as all parties may agree upon or the Magistrate Judge deems sufficient, unless the assigned District Judge otherwise directs. A party may respond to another party's objections within **FOURTEEN** days after being served with a copy thereof. As is made clear above, this period is likewise extended to **SEVENTEEN** days if service of the objections is made pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 5(b) (2) (C), (D), (E), or (F). Failure to make objections in accordance with this procedure may forfeit rights on appeal. *See Thomas v. Arn*, 474 U.S. 140, 153-55 (1985); *United States v. Walters*, 638 F.2d 947, 949-50 (6th Cir. 1981).